



ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

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CATTLE ON FEED

On December 1, 2000, Arizona had 298,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 12 percent from a year ago and 6,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 39,000 head, 19 percent below last year and 7 percent below last month. During November, 30,000 head were marketed, up 11,000 from last year and up 9,000 head from last month.

On December 1, 2000, California had 450,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 11 percent from last year and up 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 69,000 head, an increase of 5 percent from last year but 9 percent below last month. During November, 49,000 head were marketed, up 2 percent from last year but unchanged from last month.

Cattle on feed December 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million, up 2 percent from the previous year and 9 percent above December 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.68 million, 8 percent below 1999 and 3 percent below 1998. Marketings during November totaled 1.57 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during November was 89,000 head, 44 percent above 1999 and 41 percent above 1998.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on December 1, 2000. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 1999 and 8 percent above December 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.01 million, 7 percent below 1999 and 2 percent below 1998. Net placements were 1.91 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 757,000, 600-699 pounds were 559,000, 700-799 pounds were 405,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 293,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.83 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 105,000 during November, 27 percent above 1999 and 35 percent above 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) NOVEMBER 1, 2000 AND DECEMBER 1, 1999 AND 2000, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE NOVEMBER 1999 AND 2000 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Dec 1, 1999	Nov 1, 2000	Dec 1, 2000			During November			During November			During November 3/		
			Number	as % of 1999	as % of Nov	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
*AZ	265	292	298	112	102	48	39	81	19	30	158	3	3	100
*CA	405	440	450	111	102	66	69	105	48	49	102	8	10	125
*CO	1,220	1,250	1,230	101	98	190	180	95	180	190	106	10	10	100
ID	320	325	325	102	100	66	64	97	67	62	93	4	2	50
*IA	370	380	395	107	104	74	70	95	48	54	113	1	1	100
*KS	2,400	2,420	2,460	103	102	430	470	109	425	400	94	15	30	200
*NE	2,380	2,380	2,410	101	101	490	410	84	350	365	104	10	15	150
NM	109	109	113	104	104	17	20	118	12	14	117	3	2	67
OK	440	410	415	94	101	75	70	93	63	60	95	7	5	71
SD	186	180	200	108	111	51	47	92	21	26	124	1	1	100
*TX	2,980	3,030	2,970	100	98	525	440	84	460	480	104	15	20	133
WA	241	243	247	102	102	44	53	120	56	47	84	4	2	50
Other														
Sts	445	405	435	98	107	94	82	87	52	48	92	2	4	200
US	11,761	11,864	11,948	102	101	2,170	2,014	93	1,801	1,825	101	83	105	127

1/ States indicated with an asterisk are the historic seven states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed.

2/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 33.0 million pounds during November. This production was up 3.9 million pounds (113 percent) from the previous year's total of 29.1 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the previous record high for November of 3.89 billion pounds produced in 1999.

November 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays (including one holiday).

Beef production, at 2.17 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous record high for November set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.93 million head, down slightly from 1999. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,230 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18 million pounds, 3 percent below the previous record low for November set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 92 thousand head, down 11 percent from November 1999. The average live weight was 22 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous record high set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.76 million head, 2 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was down 6 percent from November 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 296 thousand head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from November a year ago.

January - November red meat production was 42.5 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 1 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

CLASS	November 1999	October 2000	November 2000	November 2000 as % of 2/	
				November 1999	October 2000
		1,000 Lbs		Percent	
ARIZONA 3/					
Total Red Meat	29,100	30,400	33,000	113	109
UNITED STATES		Million Lbs			
Beef	2,144	2,345	2,169	101	92
Veal	19	18	18	97	99
Pork	1,707	1,715	1,712	100	100
Lamb and Mutton	22	18	20	94	109
Total Red Meat	3,892	4,097	3,920	101	96

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA, NOVEMBER 1999 AND U.S., JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1999 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	November			January-November		
	Number	Total	Average	Number	Total	Average
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Pounds	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Pounds
Cattle	45.2	56,324	1,245	33,528.7	24,778	1,219
Calves 4/				1,039.9	198	315
Hogs	0.5	113	237	89,860.0	17,323	261
Sheep 4/				3,154.2	211	135

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

3/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

4/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations but included in U.S. total.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from production in these same States in November 1999. October revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds was up 2.7 percent from October 1999. The October revision represented a decrease of 0.2 percent or 29 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,463 pounds for November, 4 pounds above November 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 95,000 head more than November 1999 and 1,000 head more than October 2000.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, NOVEMBER 1999-2000

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	Percent change from 1999
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	135	140	1,755	1,550	237	217	-8.4
CA	1,484	1,550	1,715	1,670	2,545	2,589	1.7
FL	156	156	1,115	1,200	174	187	7.5
ID	329	357	1,680	1,680	553	600	8.5
IL	121	118	1,330	1,390	161	164	1.9
IN	137	149	1,275	1,400	175	209	19.4
IA	215	215	1,420	1,450	305	312	2.3
KY	131	131	1,005	1,025	132	134	1.5
MI	296	304	1,470	1,540	435	468	7.6
MN	545	530	1,380	1,405	752	745	-0.9
MO	158	151	1,130	1,170	179	177	-1.1
NM	236	261	1,660	1,580	392	412	5.1
NY	700	690	1,360	1,370	952	945	-0.7
OH	259	264	1,370	1,420	355	375	5.6
PA	618	616	1,420	1,425	878	878	
TX	348	345	1,290	1,225	449	423	-5.8
VT	160	158	1,345	1,400	215	221	2.8
VA	121	119	1,315	1,260	159	150	-5.7
WA	245	248	1,805	1,770	442	439	-0.7
WI	1,362	1,349	1,340	1,365	1,825	1,841	0.9
20-State Total	7,756	7,851	1,459	1,463	11,315	11,486	1.5

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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PRICES RECEIVED UNCHANGED

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in December was 98 based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the November index. Higher prices for soybeans, cattle, hogs, and eggs were offset by lower prices for broilers, lettuce, turkeys, and cauliflower. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of tobacco, wheat, milk, and broilers were offset by lower marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

Compared with December 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.7 percent) higher. Price increases from December 1999 for cotton, cattle, eggs, and hogs were partially offset by lower prices for broilers, apples, oranges, and lemons.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 121 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from November but 4 points (3.4 percent) above December 1999. Lower prices in December for insecticides, diesel fuel, gasoline, and feed concentrates were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, complete feeds, nitrogen fertilizers, and feeder pigs.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., DECEMBER 1999 AND 2000 AND NOVEMBER 2000

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		December 1999 Entire Month	November 2000 Entire Month	December 2000 Mid-Month	December 1999 Entire Month	November 2000 Entire Month	December 2000 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	43.1	2/	2/	43.0	58.0	57.4
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	126.00	127.00	127.00	99.00	108.00	110.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.52	2.83	2.75
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.96	2.97	2.24
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.27	2.70	2.67
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	76.00	90.00	90.00	71.10	85.00	85.10
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	76.00	90.00	90.00	73.20	90.40	91.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	65.00	87.00	89.00	65.90	69.60	70.40
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	3/	3/	13.10	15.20	14.50	13.50
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	17.80	18.10	16.60	15.20	16.60	15.30
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	26.60	22.40	20.20	27.50	21.70	20.70
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	23.40	26.20	26.10	21.50	24.40	21.90
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	33.30	36.40	33.30	35.10	36.60	36.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	68.20	70.60	72.60	70.80	73.80	76.20
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	67.50	69.60	71.00	66.60	69.10	71.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	90.40	109.00	104.00	98.60	106.00	106.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	10.90	12.00	12.20	12.20	12.60	12.90

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1999		2000	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	93	91	98	98
Prices Paid	116	117	121	121
Ratio 1/	80	78	81	81

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.